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place on our streets (p12)

You can also take a look at the council services you can engage with online and how we can all get things done at a time that suits us best (p11). We also mark International Women's Day and see how inspirational local women are leading the way by working up their own businesses (p13) and in sport through playing Rugby (p18).

There is a reminder that you have to register your right to vote if you want to have a say in the Parliamentary General Election in May (p23). See how children's minds can offer young ones the best start in life (p8) and discover how changes in care and support might affect us (p27). And actor Robert Mountford will be helping us to brush up our Shakespeare (p24).

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IN BRIEF //

Man collared over noisy dogs

A Newham Council leaseholder who allowed his dogs to intimidate and cause nuisance to his neighbours has agreed to remove the animals.

Mohammed Zaman of Richmond Street, Plaistow, gave the undertaking at Bow County Court. Residents had complained the two dogs were left in a cage in the back garden and their barking caused a nuisance. Miss also accumulated in the garden.

One dog is not allowed back in the property. Zaman must notify the council if he wishes to bring the smallest dog a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, back to the property but not within 12 months. The case will return to court if Zaman breaches the undertaking.

Book in for health awareness

Residents are invited to attend two events that are raising awareness about tuberculosis (TB) and autism.

The TB event takes place on Tuesday 24 March from 12-2pm at East Ham Customer Service Centre in Barkley Road. Jessica Potter, TB Research Fellow at Barts Health Trust, will be guest speaker.

Places are limited. To book email deborah.peck@newham.gov.uk or call 020 3373 3671.

The autism awareness day takes place on Thursday 2 April at Plaistow Library in North Street from 10.30am-2.30pm.

Activities include music, poems and inspirational stories. Email commissioning.assistant@newham.gov.uk or call 020 3373 9766.

Rugby League at Olympic Stadium

The Olympic Stadium will host international Rugby League for the first time on November 7 when England face New Zealand.

The 54,000-capacity all-weather stadium is one of three venues named as part of a three-match series. The other two games are in Hull and Wigan. Tickets are now on general sale.

>>> Have your say on roundabout proposals

Newham residents are being asked for their opinions on proposed improvements to the Bow roundabout which links High Street, Stratford, with Bow Road.

The roundabout is a key interchange of the A12 Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach, the A11 Bow Road and the A118 High Street, Stratford. All are busy roads with thousands of people using them each day.

Transport for London (TfL) is consulting on proposals that could see improvements to the roundabout and make it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use. TfL say it is currently unsafe because it lacks signalled crossings.

The proposals include new signposted pedestrian and cycle crossings, the creation of a new public space under the Bow flyover and the installation of new lighting and signs to provide simple and clear directions. The consultation runs until Wednesday 1 April and you can take part online at www.newham.gov.uk/bow.



Sport on the doorstep

Newham's Young Mayor is encouraging young people aged 14 to 25 to take part in sports activities that are taking place right on their doorsteps.

The Doorstep Club programme, delivered by Newham Council's leisure provider activeNewham, in association with StreetGames and Sport England, currently offers 12 fun, informal and exciting multi sport clubs for young people of all abilities.

Sessions include girls football, football, dodgeball, ultimate Frisbee, handball, BMX, mountain biking, basketball, futsal, netball, athletics, tennis and cheerleading at a range of venues across the borough.

Young Mayor Yaseen Flux who attended the session at Forest Gate Youth Zone in Woodford Road said: "There is no excuse for young people not to get involved in physical activity. There is so much going on across the borough."

For details of sessions where you are visit www.activeNewham.org.uk





News

Clean-up is a tidy effort

Young residents in Forest Gate were joined by Newham councillors when they made a tidy effort to clean up part of their neighbourhood.

The Adhar Academy's Big Clean Up event proved a huge success as volunteers collected 20 full bags from the area close to the academy in Romford Road. Together the bags weighed more than 150kg.

The session was arranged with support from Keep Britain Tidy (KBT) and Newham Council's Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood team. Refreshments were provided and KBT also gave out information on waste and recycling.

Forest Gate South ward councillor Mas Patel who attended said "It is great to see young people taking pride in their community and organisations coming together for the good of all. The day was a great success and we thank all those who took part and helped to organise it."



Rubbish dump woman is fined

A woman has been fined £250 for dumping beer, children's toys and electrical equipment on the corner of a street in Forest Gate.

Scottie Nassaka, 46, of Palmerston Road, Forest Gate, was given a fixed penalty notice by a Newham Council enforcement officer who spotted her putting the items on the corner of Vile Road on 8 June last year. She told the officer she thought it was the right way to dispose of rubbish.

Nassaka failed to pay the notice and was prosecuted by the council. She pleaded not guilty at a hearing in November but failed to attend a trial at Waltham Forest Magistrates' Court on February 26. She was convicted in her absence and fined and also ordered to pay £150 costs and a £25 victim surcharge.

Residents can request a free bulky waste collection for up to six items at website www.newham.gov.uk



Every child has secondary school place

Every Newham child has a guaranteed secondary school place for 2015 following the release of the London-wide secondary school admissions data.

Newham Council received 4,013 applications for places by 31 October 2014, which was the national closing date. Some 75 per cent (2,997 pupils) were offered a place at their first preference school - higher than the London average of 68 per cent.

Overall 97 per cent (3,898 pupils) were offered a place at

one of their top six schools. This small number who could not be offered a place at one of their preferred schools were allocated places at the school closest to their home that still had places available. Councillor Quentin Pipplatt, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said "Newham has one of the largest populations of young people compared to other London boroughs. We worked hard to ensure our children can attend the schools of their choice."

Giving our children the best start in life

I've always been committed to investing in things that boost our children's attainment as well as offering them opportunities that will enrich their learning experiences. Investing in the early years of a child's life is crucial to securing positive outcomes for them later on.

Despite savage cuts in our funding from the Government we have pressed on with our free school meals offer, our Every Child programme and our improvements to primary and secondary schools and children's centres, like the ones I saw at Ker Hardie School in Canning Town recently. But the reality is that we will have less money to spend in future.

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Over the next three years we will need to reduce our budget by £210m to deal with Government cuts and other cost pressures. The focus of Government funding has also shifted from children's centres to childcare, particularly through the introduction of free childcare for disadvantaged two year olds.

We will have to decide how and where services are delivered, and our children's centre managers will help us to understand what we can deliver in partnership across our Community Neighbourhoods.

The process will begin by developing a new way of supporting children and families in the first years of life. I want to hear what families and the staff at our children's centres think about what should be available locally within ever-deepening funding constraints. I will need your help to

shape this offer and the consultation programme will begin soon.

But our commitment to a free local offer to support every family to ensure their children are school ready at the age of five is as strong as ever. I want all parents in Newham to have a Best Start in Life Guarantee, beginning with a strong health offer from pregnancy, followed by support with positive parenting, play opportunities, good quality childcare, and finally with help in finding a job, because you are better off in work than you are on benefits.



Inspired children at Ker Hardie School



Mayor's view

Tackling those who abuse our streets

I know that crime and anti-social behaviour are top concerns for many residents. Through our enforcement and enforcement teams, Newham Council already does more to keep our streets cleaner and safer than ever before, and now we are in a position to respond even more quickly and effectively.

One of my election promises to you in 2014 was to have a dedicated enforcement officer in each of the 20 wards across Newham, delivering exactly what local residents want. Those officers are now in place, working alongside you, the very people who know what needs to happen to improve where you live.

Most people care about our borough and don't drop litter or make a lot of noise or commit crimes. Our officers will not shy away from tackling the small number of irresponsible people who commit crime and anti-social behaviour and abuse our streets. In a time of great austerity, I will continue to spend on the things that matter most to you.



With enforcement officer Detective Helen Gill, Newham Council member for crime and anti-social behaviour, and Cllr Ken Dark, Cabinet member for Building Communities.

Housing offer was an own goal



I have always been clear that Newham residents must get the best deal out of any regeneration project that a developer brings to our table, especially in terms of the amount of affordable housing. That is why the initial offer by those seeking to redevelop the Boleyn Ground in Upton Park was insulting and totally unacceptable.

The proposals by Boleyn Phoenix Limited, acting on behalf of Galliard Homes, lacked any substantial affordable housing offer, therefore making this development financially out of reach to many Newham residents. They need to drastically rethink their ridiculous offer and ensure it offers a good mixture of tenures including social, affordable and intermediate rents.

I am immensely proud of Upton Park's diverse community and sporting legacy. The redevelopment of the ground must work for the whole community. It's not just about new homes though. I also want job opportunities for local people and community space that residents will be able to utilise.

with Sir Robin Wales

The best start i

Newham Council, by supporting families when they most need it, is committed to making sure children do not miss out and get the best possible start in life.

Many children in the borough are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early education and childcare at the age of two if their parents receive certain benefits and are below certain income thresholds. That could be in the form of a free place with an approved nursery, pre-school or childminder.

Loraine McPherson, a childminder in Beckton, is adamant that taking advantage of good quality early education for two gives children a good start. She also maintains that parents shouldn't be afraid of putting their trust in approved childminders.

"The council are very thorough with their training. They support childminders immensely"

Loraine has been registered with Newham Council for three and a half years. She is rated as good by the Office for Standards in Education and has qualifications recognised by the council as amongst the best.

She said: "The council are very thorough with their training. They support childminders immensely. I also get a lot of support from my local children's centre, Ellen Wilkinson, who have sessions on Mondays where parents looking for childcare can come and meet us and see us work with the children we look after."

Loraine currently looks after six children, the full quota she is allowed. Two of them are part of the free childcare offer. She currently works at

home, but with children on her waiting list, she is looking to rent premises in future. "That way I can offer more of a service to more families," she said.

She was a travel agent for 20 years and before retraining at university and going into teaching in both primary and secondary schools. She said: "I knew pretty much early on that I wanted to work with younger children in early years education so I could help lay the foundations for the next 70 years of their life."

Loraine knew becoming a childminder would be a stepping stone to getting known in her neighbourhood and eventually setting up her own nursery. She said: "I had a triple buggy and walked around the area a lot singing to the children. That's how people got to know me."

She is also a back-up foster carer looking after children on a short-term basis when other foster parents need some respite. Loraine said: "I can honestly say that this is the best job I've ever had and I've had a few in my time."

"It is hard work and you have to do a lot of paperwork and planning. You need to be good with how you plan your time, but at the end of the day it is my business and I expect to have to put in the hours. You get the rewards when you see how a child you help look after is developing. I don't know everything but the council's early intervention team are always on hand to help."

Loraine offers the example of one boy who had delayed speech, but is

now talking well because he has built confidence from socialising with the other children she cares for.

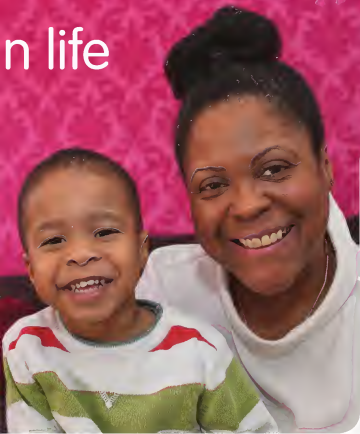
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She said: "If parents are looking for small group care for their child in a home-from-home environment, going to a childminder can be a good thing. I would never put a nursery down, but sometimes they are very big with a high turnover of staff. It is difficult if a child forms a bond with a member of staff and that person moves on. With me, things will only change if the family has a change in family circumstances."

"I think I'm like an aunt to the children I look after. Parents shouldn't be afraid of giving childminders a go and taking up the free childcare that is available to them if they are eligible. We are flexible and we can work around the needs of parents."

You can find out if you are eligible for the free early years education offer by contacting Newham Council's Learning and Achievement Team on 020 3373 0000 or emailing twoyearold.childcare@newham.gov.uk

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Overall, thanks to the online services available, almost half of all transactions made by residents with Newham Council are outside of normal working hours. Since April 2014 more than 48,500 applications to renew or receive parking permits have been received online as well as more than 29,700 requests for bulky waste collections.

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- > Check your rent and Council Tax balances and statements
- > Search for and renew your library items
- > Search and apply for jobs
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- > Apply for a landlord licence
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Recycling bin queries





The enforcer

Residents of Newham say crime and anti-social behaviour are among their top concerns. The council is already doing more than ever before to keep our streets clean and safer. The introduction of an enforcement officer for every ward across the borough is ensuring residents get the very best service.

From this month a dedicated ward officer (DWO) is spearheading enforcement activity in your community neighbourhood. It fulfils an election promise made last year by Mayor Sir Robin Wiles and local councillors.

These uniformed officers are coming to or near their identified ward to deal with specific matters that could be resolved quickly. These include waste in front gardens, abandoned vehicles, unlicensed skips, and fly-tips where there is evidence identifying where the waste came from. In all of these instances the officers attend and issue fixed penalty notices to those responsible.

The DWOs can call in others if further investigation and evidence gathering is required in matters such as noise nuisance, anti-social behaviour or unauthorised access to tower blocks for example.

The officers are working to a mixture of shifts and occasional weekends. Every street, alley, and estate is patrolled on foot or by bicycle at least once every week, while high footfall routes such as high streets, which are being dealt with by other Enforcement Officers, Terence Hiden is the dedicated ward officer for Custom House ward.

He has been an enforcement officer for six months and before that served as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). Terence said: "The skills I developed with the Metropolitan Police come in really useful in this job, but what I do now is all about enforcement. I can be much more proactive in this role whereas

before it was very reactive.

"I'm really enjoying what I do now. No two days are ever the same. And it is definitely an advantage to be based so close to where I am working. I like having that interaction with residents. We can share information with each other and that can result in better outcomes for all of us."

In a typical day on his patrols of the neighbourhood Terence can deal with a range of matters such as fly-tipping, littering, spilling, dog fouling, illegal street trading, fly-posting, waste in front gardens, rough sleepers, abandoned vehicles, and cycling on the footway amongst a host of others.

He said: "I was a PCSO for nine years but found a change and this job is a good opportunity for me. I love being in Newham. It's a very energetic population."

"The reception I get from residents is really warm. I think people do appreciate another uniformed presence in a role that is helping them and is beneficial to the area. Having someone local that they can report things to is working well. And we work closely with the local councillors too."

"I prefer being out where it is all happening. That way you get a better feel for your community and you can build up a good relationship with them. I'm here to serve the residents of Newham and work on the environmental issues that really concern them in the ward."

"People shouldn't be afraid to come up and have a chat. I'm here to serve them and I'm looking forward to meeting more of them in future."

Where your DWO will be based:

19a Station Road, E12
Manor Park
Little Ilford
East Ham North

East Ham Town Hall Annex, E6
East Ham Central
Wall End
East Ham South

Stratford Library, E15
Stratford & New Town
West Ham

Forest Gate Library, E7
Forest Gate East
Forest Gate West

Green Street Library, E13
Green Street East
Green Street West
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Plaistow Library, E13
Plaistow North
Plaistow South

The Hub, Star Lane, E16
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Canning Town South

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Care and
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Take the plunge

If you ever felt like taking the plunge in the open water of Newham's rejuvenated Royal Docks, here's your chance to do it in a safe and organised way.

The Great Newham London Swim is taking place at Royal Victoria Dock on Saturday 18 July. The popular event, previously known as the Great London Swim, is an exciting challenge suitable for all abilities from first timers to budding triathletes and open water swim veterans.

The one mile course offers an opportunity to swim outside in the shadow of the EadCul exhibition centre and the Emirates Air Line. The event will also include a half mile option which is a great introductory experience to open water swimming suitable for anyone aged 12 and over. Whatever your level of

experience, you can enjoy the water safe in the knowledge that expert safety kayakers will be with you every stroke of the way.

The Great Newham London Swim, supported by Newham Council, is part of a Great weekend of sport and will be held the day before the Merseyside Great Newham London Fun, which is expected to finish on the track in the Olympic Stadium.

Thanks to Mayor Sir Robin Wales there are 50 free places available for Newham residents to take part in the Great Newham London Swim. Apply for your free place by Friday 17 April by emailing newhamresidents@greatswim.org

www.greatswim.org or by calling 020 8361 0000

HOW TO ENTER:

For more information about the event visit greatswim.org/London or join the conversation at facebook.com/greatswim

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Enterprising women do the business

Charm Anderson



Lanette Elery



International Women's Day has celebrated the social, economic and political achievements of women for more than a century. Observed annually on 8 March, the day celebrates the accomplishments of women while calling for greater equality and drawing focus on women's rights.

The theme for this year was Make it Happen. In Newham there are already many women making it happen, including three who have set up businesses with support from the Links to Enterprise programme run by Canning Town-based Community Links since 2013, supported by Barclays.

Iman Made – Iman Ogoo

"Throughout my childhood I suffered from eczema and dry skin. Shop-bought skin creams and lotions had little impact so I began making my own. When two of my sons developed similar conditions I knew it was time to do something about it so I taught myself about making my own cosmetics."

"I met Community Links staff at a community festival where I was selling from a small table. I had already set up my own business, but the support they offered meant I could focus on understanding what I needed to do to make my business work."

"I was selected to sell my products



in a pop-up shop at Westfield Stratford City just before Christmas. It was a great opportunity to sell in a high-profile retail location. The Links to Enterprise project also taught me with a mentor from Barclays. We talk through any concerns and plans for the future."

Cakes by Ellery – Lorraine Ellery

"I was a single mum at home but helped at a women's group. I'd always had the ability to make good cakes – my mum baked a lot and I learnt from watching her. I began making cakes for the women's group and received good feedback."

"I was asked to make a cake for my niece's first communion. There were positive comments and I received a few commissions, which I could fit around caring for my young son. Once he started



pre-school I had more time to make the most of this and earn a steady income."

"Links to Enterprise gave me the push I needed. At first I focused on bespoke cakes but they suggested selling at markets and now I trade at a regular stall. My dream is to run baking classes for single mothers and donate some of my profits to We are Family, the support group I am involved in."

Private Tutor – Claire Anderson

"I was made redundant after three years as a teaching assistant in a primary school. I wanted to carry on teaching so when some parents asked for private tutoring, I said yes."

"I enjoyed it so decided to try offering my services locally. I dropped flyers around the area and got lots of calls from parents who were interested."

"I didn't know how to go about turning the tutoring into a business, but Links to Enterprise provided training which built my confidence and knowledge. They supported me to write a business plan and I have now registered my company and have an investor."

"I plan to open a shop space so that I can start tutoring groups. In the long term I'd like to open a couple of centres and take on additional staff."

The Links to Enterprise programme has helped more than 50 people start their own business from baking to tutoring, from plumbing to photography and from fashion design to managing a music studio.

If you'd like to talk to Community Links about support for your own business start-up call the Links to Enterprise team on 020 7473 2270 or email enterprise.team@community-links.org. Newham Council's Business Development Service can also help get your own business off the ground. Contact the Newham Business Desk on 020 3373 7373 or email newhambusinessdesk@newham.gov.uk

Play Rugby? This girl can

A national campaign by Sport England is celebrating active women everywhere and proving that whatever size, ability or previous experience, sport can be a fun and enjoyable part of their lives. For the doubters who say women shouldn't be playing Rugby, Amanda Farrow has a simple message: "This Girl Can."

Amanda, founder of East London Ladies RFC, is only 5ft and weighs around seven stone. She said: "When I tell people I play Rugby people I sometimes get quizzical looks. It's a stereotypical image that women players need to be big. It's good to be able to challenge that view."

She started life as a 400m runner and represented England at under-16 level. She also played netball. Six years ago she began playing women's Rugby with students at University of East London and four years ago she formed East London Ladies.

"We have all sizes, shapes and levels of ability and girls from different cultures too who enjoy playing"

Amanda said: "I've been into sport since school and was really into athletics. When I went to Leicester University the only sport the girls did was netball, which I don't like. It wasn't aggressive enough for me. I got into rugby because I worked behind the bar at Leicester Tigers Rugby Club. I met their captain Martin Johnson, who led England to win the Rugby World Cup in 2003. He really inspired me."

Other heroes are Jonny Wilkinson, England's 2003 match winner – Amanda plays in the same number

10 fly half position as him – and women's star Maggie Alphonsi. She said: "Jonny was in all the newspapers and women's magazines after he won the world cup. He made Rugby more accessible. Maggie is up there with the best in the women's game."

When Amanda came to work in Newham there was no Rugby teams locally for women and few nationally. Now there are more than 500 women's teams across the country and eight in the National Challenge South East 2 league where East London play. In 2014 England won the Women's Rugby World Cup. In 2016 women will be playing Rugby in the Olympic Games in Rio.

Having spent their first two years in a development league, East London entered the regional competition two years ago and won their division. They could still win their division this season. Amanda said: "When you go up a league it is a massive jump in ability and you need a bigger squad. You cannot turn up with just 15 players."

She added: "Our sport is really on the up. I like playing Rugby because it is a great team sport. It's traditionally a man's game and there are still plenty who say women shouldn't do it. But girls can play and we do it in the same way as the guys. We want to have fun and we do that playing Rugby. We

have all sizes, shapes and levels of ability and girls from different cultures too who enjoy playing.

"There is now Tag Rugby and Touch Rugby, which is a good starting point for people away of the contact side. Tag and Touch teams have to have women in them, which is brilliant. Another brilliant thing about Rugby is the social side. On the pitch we throw each other around in training or in games and then get together for a drink or a chat afterwards. At East London the men's teams have welcomed us with open arms and we are all one club."

"The ladies are a great mix of people. We are ambitious, don't take ourselves too seriously, but we want to show we can play the same way as men. If girls want to do that, come to East London."

East London Ladies RFC are based at the Memorial Ground in Holland Road, West Ham. They train on Wednesday evenings during the season from 7-9pm. Games take place on Sunday. All abilities are welcome.

For more information visit their page on Facebook. For further information about women in sport visit www.thisgirlcan.co.uk







Newham in pictures



1 You've got to hand it to them! Youngsters enjoy a session of handball at Newham Leisure Centre, E15, as part of the Doorstep Sports Club programme. 2 The perfect stage! The audience at Manor Park Library, E12, enjoyed The Open Book Theatre Company performance of *The Wind in the Willows*, supported by Newham Council. 3 In a spin! Hula hoop sessions are proving great fun at Rosh Hadeia Recreation Ground, E15. 4 My bag was this big! Young residents collected rubbish at the Ashor Academy clean up event in Forest Gate. E7. 5 Don't you just dig it! Volunteers prepare a new community garden due to open soon in Canning Town, E16.

FreedomPass RENEWAL 2015

Are You a Freedom Pass Holder?

Newham Council is taking part in a London-wide scheme to renew all **disabled person's** Freedom Passes which expire on 31 March 2015



Between September 2014 and January 2015 we will contact you with details of how to renew your Freedom Pass so it is ready for April 2015. You do **not** need to contact us



If you have an **older person's** Freedom Pass that expires on 31 March 2015, visit www.newham.gov.uk/freedompass or call 0208 336 1433 for more information on how to renew your pass.

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COUNCILS

London Borough of Newham COUNCIL TAX – 2015/2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 23rd February 2015 Under Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, the Council of the London Borough of Newham set the following amounts of Council Tax for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016

DATED this 4th day of March 2015

Valuation band	Amount of Council Tax
A	£827.00
B	£904.80
C	£1102.78
D	£1243.65
E	£1519.00
F	£1792.00
G	£2087.72
H	£2181.26

Dated 4th March 2015
Kim Bromley Dery
Chief Executive

Attention parents!

Free early education for two-year-olds

Your child may
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education per week



Newham London

Find out if you are eligible
email twoyearoldchildcare@newham.gov.uk
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REGISTERING YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Time is running out if you wish to make sure you can exercise your right to vote in the UK Parliamentary General Election on Thursday 7 May.

The deadline to register to vote in this election is 20 April. If you don't want to lose your opportunity to take part you need to register now. You can only vote if you are on the electoral register. It's free and easy to sign up and will only take minutes if you do it online.

You can register online on your personal computer at home, smartphone and tablet device. If you haven't got a computer, all Newham's libraries have self-service booths and free internet access where you can do so. All you need to provide is your name, address, date of birth and National Insurance number.

Being able to register online is part of the move to Individual Electoral Registration (IER), which has replaced the old and outdated household registration system. Before, one person was responsible for registering everyone who lived at an address. Under the new system

each person is responsible for their own registration. The system is also designed to prevent fraud because it enables checks to be made that shows everyone on the register is who they say they are.

How to register online:

You must be on the register if you want to vote. You can register to vote by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and entering your personal details and your National Insurance number, which can be found on pay-slips, letters about benefits, tax returns, and other official correspondence. You are not automatically registered to vote, even if you pay Council Tax, or have registered to use other council services.

You must be on the register if you want to vote. Citizens of the European Union are not able to vote in the UK General Election.

Other reasons to register:

- > The electoral register is used by agencies to check your name and address if you are applying for credit, a mortgage or a mobile phone contract.
- > Schools may use the register to check that you live within their catchment area.
- > The register may be checked if you are requesting a resident's parking permit.

For more information about how to register online visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or for general information visit www.newham.gov.uk/register-to-vote



An action thriller with magic, witches, fighting and murders! It sounds like the latest film blockbuster, but it's how actor Robert Mountford describes the production of *Macbeth* at Stratford Circus from 26 to 28 March.

Brush up your Shakespeare





The performances at Stratford Circus, directed by Jatinder Verma, are the London premiere of the Tina Arts production staged in association with Black Theatre Live and Queen's Hall Arts, a consortium supporting black and minority ethnic-led touring theatre.

This version is an explosive brew of treachery, ambition and passion... setting an Asian family on a path of self destruction. It is a powerful take on William Shakespeare's darkest play, here set in modern Britain but performed as the lines were originally written.

Robert, in the title role, is looking forward to bringing one of The Bard's darkest characters to Stratford. He said: "Shakespeare makes his darkest villains appear almost inhuman. Macbeth knows exactly what he's doing, he has calculated exactly what he needs to do to get to the top."

"Our version of Macbeth is dynamic, exciting, visceral live theatre"

Shakespeare is continually being re-interpreted and re-invented but Robert says this production will not stray from the original text. "It is hard to say the lines better than they were actually written. Shakespeare is for everyone. The challenge is being able to tell the story as truthfully as you can through his words, but making it relevant to today. The reason the play has survived so long is because it is a human story. We've simply given it an Indian flavour."

"If we do our jobs correctly, people will stop thinking about it being old language after the first few lines. It was originally written for an audience that largely couldn't read so they had to hear the words and be able to absorb the message very quickly."

There are 17,121 words in Macbeth, making it Shakespeare's shortest play. Superstition has it that if you say Macbeth out loud in a theatre, it is bad luck. That's why it's often referred to as the 'Scottish Play'. Robert said: "I'm not superstitious. With the number of times the word is said in the play, you can hardly get round it."

He admits Macbeth is a hard play

to find laughs in but says there is some "chickiness" in the way the Witches are being portrayed. Here they are played as hyrds, a transgender community who in India have legal rights as a third sex. He said: "It is a fascinating idea. Hyrds have their own rituals and culture. We present them as mischievous supernatural beings which I hope people enjoy as well as being wary of them too."

Robert, who appeared recently in BBC TV drama *Silent Witness*, is looking forward to making his debut at Stratford Circus. He said: "I've seen lots there and at Theatre Royal Stratford East. I'm excited. It's a fantastic audience and I love that."

This production is suitable for people aged 12 and above. Robert said: "Live performance is hugely important to young people. They can experience all sorts of emotions and go away and think about how what they've seen affects them in life."

"I raise my hat to Newham Council for getting children into theatre. I grew up near Birmingham so was able to visit Stratford-upon-Avon a lot to see the Royal Shakespeare Company. It connected with me and now I enjoy playing it."

He concluded: "Our version of Macbeth is dynamic, exciting, visceral live theatre. It has magic, witches, fighting and murders. It's a fast action thriller people will enjoy."

Stratford Circus has teamed up with the Newham Mag to offer two pairs of tickets to the performance of Macbeth on Thursday 26 March at 7.30pm. To be in with a chance of winning a pair, tell us who is playing the lead role?

Closing date for entries is 5pm on Thursday 19 March. Send your answer to the Newham Mag, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 3QU or email newhammag@newham.gov.uk

For ticket information visit www.stratford-circus.com

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Outdoor event catering businesses

Do you live in Newham or is your catering business based in the borough?

We are looking for outdoor catering businesses to trade at The Mayor's Newham Show, Under the Stars or our Guy Fawkes Night Fireworks Display.

For further information, please contact the Events Team

T: 020 3373 7510 E: events@newham.gov.uk

Facebook: **NewhamEvents**





Showing that we care

From 1 April, the Care Act core will become law in England. It represents the most significant reform of care and support in more than 60 years, putting people and their carers in control of their own care and support. If you or someone you know receives care and support from Newham Council, you should find out how the reforms affect you.

Any changes to your care and support will depend on your personal circumstances, but there are three main areas you should be aware of:

- If you are an unpaid carer, the Care Act brings in new entitlements to help you maintain your caring role and your life beyond your caring role. You will be entitled to an assessment and if eligible for support from the council for particular needs, you have a legal right to receive support for those needs, just like the people you care for. This could be practical support like being able to take a break from caring responsibilities, or you may be entitled to a direct payment to spend on things that will make it easier for you to carry on caring.
- The Act also introduces a standard national eligibility threshold. This means that whenever you live in the country, or if you plan to move within England, you will be eligible for support if your needs meet the threshold.
- Finally the Act requires that all councils across England must offer a Deferred Payment Agreement to people needing care and support who meet certain

eligibility criteria. A deferred payment agreement is an arrangement with the council that will enable you to use the value of your home to help pay care home costs. If you are eligible, the council will help to pay your care home bills on your behalf.

If you require more information about the changes visit www.newham.gov.uk/careact or email CareAct2014@newham.gov.uk or call 020 8430 2000 (select option 2).



Are you a landlord, property developer or managing agent looking to let a property?

No commission, no fees, no hassle.

Newham Council URGENTLY requires properties and wants to work in partnership with local landlords and managing agents to rent their properties

The council can offer:

- Up to £2,000 non-refundable cash incentive payment
- £200 non-refundable cash payment to hold a property
- Deposit bond to the value of six weeks' rent
- Deposit and rent in advance

Working with the council means:

- Ongoing landlord support and advice
- Support to maintain the tenancy
- Direct rent payments
- Local housing allowance (LHA) rates paid

If you have any properties or would like to find out more about our Private Rented Sector Scheme, contact the Housing Supply team now

Telephone: 020 3373 1148

Email: PRSsupply@newham.gov.uk



cardboard



food tins &
drink cans



plastic bottles



paper



**Only put these
items in your
recycling bin**

Please put all general waste in your rubbish bin.

www.newham.gov.uk/recycling

Don't rubbish where you live

We all have a responsibility for what we do with our rubbish. There's nothing good about littering, and those we discover doing so are hit in the pocket.

Newham Council has a zero tolerance policy to littering. In the 2013/14 municipal year we issued more than 8,000 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to residents and visitors for a range of enforcement crime offences, including littering, fly-tipping and fly-posting, illegal street trading and waste in front gardens.

Unfortunately, there are offenders who believe they're above the law and provide incorrect information about themselves or fail to pay their fines. The council will not apologise for cracking down hard on crime and anti-social behaviour. The pictures on this page show people who are responsible for dropping litter and other forms of anti-social behaviour. **If you recognise anyone please call 020 3373 4478 and quote the reference number below the picture.**

If we do know who you are, but you do not pay your FPN, we will take you to court where you could be ordered to pay far more than the amount of the original penalty notice. That happened to three people the council prosecuted at Thames Court last month who failed to settle their FPNs for dropping cigarette butts. Magistrates fined them and also ordered them to pay the costs of the case and a victim surcharge payment.

Ensuring your anonymity

Newham Council is committed to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in partnership with the police and other agencies. If you provide information regarding identities:

- you will not be required to provide your name
- you will not be required to leave your contact details
- you will not have to make a statement



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Ref: 90028704

Don't put up with rubbish. Don't drop it and if you see it report it. To get it cleared up report it online at www.newham.gov.uk/MyNewham or download the Love Newham app by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/love-newham

Call 020 3373 4478 and quote the reference number beside the picture.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA

Market to support women



Residents are invited to a fun day and market in Manor Park on Saturday 4 April that is being held to help women in business.

The free to enter Women@Women market is taking place from 10 noon to 4pm at the Jack Cornwell Community Centre in Jack Cornwell Street. Women are encouraged to book a stall

and sell any unwanted items.

Also on offer will be a sale of clothing and jewellery and fun activities including henna, tattoos, face painting and braiding canbans.

You can book a stall by calling 01478 738 570 or for more information visit www.women@womenmarket.co.uk

Tickets prize is icing on cake



Here's your chance to enjoy the icing on the cake when the Cake International - Sugarcraft, Decorating and Baking Show returns to the ExCel exhibition centre in the Royal Dockside later this month.

The Newham Mag has teamed up with Cake International to offer two family tickets to the show, where you catch up with all the latest ideas, demonstrations and workshops, to make the perfect cakes. The show takes place from 27 to 29 March from 10am to 5pm.

Cake decorating expert Mich Turner will be opening the show, accompanied by master chocolatier Will Torrent. Both will be appearing at various times throughout the show to share their expertise in the Cake International Theatre with live demonstrations

To be in with a chance of winning a ticket for a family of four people, answer the following question: What is the name of the cake decorating expert who is opening the show?

Send your answer, name, address and telephone number to Newham.Mag@newham.gov.uk or write to Newham Mag, 1000 Dockside Road, London, E16 2QU, before 20 March.



Hop to it for fun runs

Residents young and old are invited to hop to it and take part in a series of fancy dress Bunny Runs at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Saturday 4 April.

Races will be taking place over 1k, 3k and 5k distances and there will also be a Little Bunny Fun Run for children aged eight and under. They are open to all ages and abilities and no previous experience is necessary.

This fun run will feature a visit from the Easter Bunny and yuletide refreshments. All participants will get a medal.

The day starts at 10am at the Timber Lodge Cafe. The cost to enter is £5. You can register online at www.aotsehowham.org.uk or by calling 03000 124 0123. For more information call Carol Nourse on 07716 394756 or email carolnurse@englandathletics.org



Love story with real bite

Residents are invited to the launch of the first book by Stratford resident Elizabeth Averbuch, which features a tale of romance, vampires, werewolves.

Sebastian: The Life of Sebastian and Hanna O'Brien has been written by mother-daughter team Elizabeth, who helps out her writing into her spare time while looking after her father, and took her six months to write the first draft.

The novel features 18-year-old vampire Sebastian who is rescued from a werewolf by his mother on his eighteenth birthday and then returns. Hanna as a child, becomes a vampire and then the werewolf has to protect her from a werewolf.

Elizabeth will be signing copies of her book, *Sebastian* on Saturday 26 March from 5pm to 6pm at 62-64 Celebration Avenue, situated in East Village on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.



Help to beat stroke

A new social group is being set up for adults under 50 whose lives have been affected by stroke.

Stroke is often considered an illness of old age, but many younger people are being affected and don't know where to go and what to expect.

Newham Council's Plaistow Community Neighbourhood team have teamed up with the Stroke Association to launch the new Together social group that will meet fortnightly at Plaistow Library. It will provide information, peer support and social and recreational activities including games, conversation, music, outings, talks and presentations by visiting speakers.

The inaugural meeting takes place on Friday 27 March from 2 to 4pm at Plaistow Library in North Street where you can learn more about what the group has to offer and the signs and symptoms of strokes. Sessions will take place fortnightly from Friday 17 April.

For more information contact Habiba Ali on 07612 675 216 or email Habiba.Ali@Newham.gov.uk



Kids' Corner



PLEASE SEND YOUR DRAWINGS,
JOKES AND POEMS TO:
KIDS' CORNER, WEST WING
4TH FLOOR, NEWHAM DOCKSIDE
1000 DOCKSIDE ROAD, LONDON E16 2QU
OR EMAIL THEM TO
newham_mag@newham.gov.uk

Don't forget to write your name, age, address and daytime
contact telephone number on the back of your entry. We
cannot return any entries.

GALLERY



Isabella Gao, 7



Fuzaik Noreen, 10



Amir Pavan Rao



Isa Kallik, 7

Free membership at Stratford Picturehouse

This issue's winner receives free annual family membership of Stratford Picturehouse, which includes free tickets and discounts on films.

To be in with a chance of winning this or another great prize, send your pictures, jokes and poems to **Kids' Corner, West Wing, Fourth Floor, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2GU**. Don't forget to write your full name, age, address and daytime contact telephone number on the back of your entry. **Good luck!** Visit www.picturehouses.co.uk to see what's on.



Colour-me-in Crossword



Across

1. Seats on the backs of horses (7)
5. He plays football for Real Madrid and Portugal (7)
6. World's most commonly spoken language (7)
7. Emblem on clothing (4)
8. Spun thread used for knitting and weaving (6)
10. Young lion (6)
11. Elm, birch or oak (6)
13. Everlasting (7)

Down

1. And 2 Down. Popular television dancing show (8/4,7)
2. See 1 Down
3. Trumpet-shaped flowers with tall stems (5)
4. Monument on Salisbury Plain (10)
5. Mollusk which may contain a pearl (3)
12. Long period of time (5)

Poem

Best friend

We don't always like the same things,
like ice cream,
we like different favours,
And we don't always see things
the same,
once you called me a name,
and I returned the favour

But you are my best friend, forever,
We won't ever let that end
No never
You are here for me and I am here
for you,
that's what best friends do

We don't always see eye to eye,
don't ask me why
but we don't mind it.
We don't always get along,
but our friendship is strong,
I want this to be our special little song

And you are my best friend,
forever,
We won't ever let that end,
No never,
You are here for me and I am here
for you,
that's what best friends do.

We don't always fit in with the crowd,
but we still stand proud.

We don't care what other people say
We go our own true way.
That works a whole lot better

And you are my best friend,
forever,
We won't ever let that end
No never
You are here for me and I am here
for you,
that's what best friends do.

Lyrah AA, 11

WHAT'S ON?

FIVE PAGES OF ACTIVITIES MOSTLY FREE, ALL FUN

OUR THRILLING THREE...

1

Writers Group – Thurs 26 Mar, 5.45-7.20pm, The Gate Library, 4-20 Woodgangs Rd, E7. Get involved in writing and improving your writing skills

2

Girls Football (14-25yrs) – Every Tues, 4.15-5.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre, 261 Prince Regent Ln, E13. All abilities welcome. Call 07741 250 514 or email Abul.Hussain@activenewham.org.uk

3

Newham Ability Camp (11+yrs) – Every Mon, 8-7pm, Forest Gate Youth Zone, 1 Woodford Rd, E7. A para disability multi-sports club. Call 07811 471 962

MENTION THE MAG...

Are you aged 16 to 19 and not in education, training or employment? Future Links, a division of the Community Links group are offering training in interview skills, CV writing and much more.

A ten-week course that gets you ready for work and life. Future Links offers you the chance to build confidence, gain useful qualifications and skills to find work. If you would like to be fast-tracked on to the course, mention the Newham Mag when enrolling.

Currently, links is providing night catering w/c 5.12-19.03. Call 07785 625 540, visit www.community-links.org or email alya.mirza@community-links.org



TRY SOMETHING NEW... CYCLING

Experience the world class facility that is Lee Valley VelPark when activenewham stage multi discipline cycling sessions on Wednesdays from 4.30-6pm. Get involved in BMX, Mountain Biking or Road Racing. Bikes and safety equipment are provided and participants are required to be able to ride a bike confidently. Pre-booking is required with spaces limited. The VelPark is in Abercrombie Road, E20. Call 0300 124 0120 or email Paul.Farthing@activenewham.org.uk



Indicates free sessions

Literates unless stated

UNDER-FIVES

Music and Rhyme

Tues, 10.30-11.15am, Custom House

Rhyme Time

Thurs, 1.30-2.15pm, Custom House, Mon, 4-4.45pm, Ganning Town

Storytelling

Mon, 11am-12noon, Tues, 10-11am, Backton Globe, Mon, 10.30-11.15am, Custom House, Tues, 10.30-11.30am, Ganning Town, Tues, 11am-12noon, The Gate, Tues, 10.30-11.30am, Thurs, 9.45-10.45am, East Ham, Sat, 11am-12noon, Green St, Fri, 11am-12noon, Manor Park, Thurs, 2-3pm, North Woolwich, Thurs, 2-3pm, Plaistow, Tues and Fri, 11am-12noon, Stratford

Stay and Play

Support for parents and carers to develop their child through play. **Yate Ave:** Weds and Sat, 11am-4pm, Stratford, Thurs, 1.30-3.30pm, Jack Cornwell C.C., Fri, 10.30-11.30am, The Gate, Tues, 9.30-10.30am, Javes C.C., Tues, 12pm-12noon, Greenrocks, Thurs, 1-2pm, North Woolwich, Sat, 12noon-1pm, Green St

Music and Movement

Sessions for parents/carers and children. Mon, 10-11am, Greenrocks

Baby Sing-a-Long

Thurs, 1-1.30pm, North Woolwich

YOUNG PEOPLE

Board Games Club (7-12yrs)

Play chess, Checkers, Ludo, Pickleball and more. 3pm time. Thurs, 4-5pm, Green Street and Custom House, Thurs, 4-5pm

6pm, North Woolwich, Tues and Fri, 4-6pm Stratford (free) Sat, 2.30-4pm Minor Park

Newsweek Club (7-14yrs)
Free study support. Time free Fri, 4-5pm, Beckton and Canning Town, Fri 3.30-5.30pm, Thurs 4-6pm, Plaistow, Fri 4-5.30pm, East Ham, Sat, 2-3.30pm, Green St, Weds, 3.30-5.15pm, Minor Park, Mon 3.30-4.30pm, North Woolwich, Mon, 4-6pm, Stratford Sat, 10am-12noon, The Gale

Games Club (7-16yrs)
Sony PS3, Xbox360, Nintendo Wii, board games and more Tues, 3.30-5.15pm, Custom House, Thurs 4-5pm, Canning Town, Wed, 3.30-5pm, Forest Gate, Mon 3.30-6pm, Plaistow

Froud Young Project (7-18yrs)
Activities for young people Mon, 3.30-5.30pm Jack Cornwell C C

Children's Movie Club
Booking essential. Thurs, 4-6pm, 7-12yrs, The Gale Tues, 3.30-5.30pm, 9-12yrs, under 8s must be accompanied by an adult, Green St

Arts and Craft Workshop (5-12y)
Fri, 3.30-5pm, Green St Sat, 2-8pm, Custom House and Canning Town, Tues 4-5pm, Plaistow

Puzzles, Quizzes & Colour
Mon 3.30-5pm, Green St

Young Readers Club (7-12yrs)
Read and discuss your favourite books. Tues, 4-5.15pm, North Woolwich, Sat, 10.30am-12noon, Minor Park

Children's Movie Matinee (6-13yrs)
Weds, 2pm, Plaistow

Let's Start Sewing (7-16yrs)
Beginner sewing classes. Sat, 12noon-3pm, Woodman C St, Woodman St, E18 8JL theam@sewclub.co.uk

ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT



Time-2-Craft (10-14yrs)
Sat, 10am-12noon, Stratford

Adult Reading Group
Discuss your favourite books and discover new writers. Sat, 12noon-1pm, Green St Thurs, 19 Mar, 6.30-7.30pm, East Ham

Chess Club
Mon, 5.30-7.30pm, East Ham Weds, 3.30-5pm, Green St Thurs, 5.30-7.30pm, Stratford Fri, 3.30-5.15pm, The Gale

Coffee Mornings
Tues, 10-11.30am, Beckton, Thurs, 10-11.30am, Canning Town, Tues, 11am-12.30pm, Custom House, Thurs, 10-11.30am, North Woolwich, Wed, 10 Mar, 10.30am-12noon, Green St, Wed, 18 Mar, 10am-12noon, East Ham, Tues, 17 Mar, 10.30am-12noon, Plaistow

Do it Online (18+yrs)
Free or on a half-week basis computer or night work. Advance booking required, contact library directly. Tues, 10am-12noon, The Gale, Tues, 10am-12noon, East Ham, Tues, 10am-12noon and 2-4pm, Plaistow, Mon, 10am-12noon, Minor Park, Weds, 2-4pm, Stratford, Thurs, 10am-12noon, Green St, Thurs, 10am-12noon, Katherine Rd C C, Wed, 10am-12noon, Plaistow

Knit & Natter (18+yrs)
Weds, 10am-12noon, Beckton, Fri, 10.30-11.30am, Canning Town, Fri, 10am-12noon, East Ham, Tues, 10.30am-12.30pm, Minor Park, Weds, 10.30am-12.30pm, Green St

ICT Surgery
IT advice for all ages Mon, 10am-12noon and 2-3pm, Plaistow, Wed, 10.30am-12noon, Stratford, Fri, 2-4pm, Canning Town

Stratford London Neighbours
Public speaking and leadership

club, 1st and 3rd Monday of month, 8-9pm, Stratford Free applies. Call 020 3373 0826

Weekly Get Together
Try new things. Weds, 10.30am-12.30pm, Green St, Call 020 3373 0857

Love Newham app drop-in
Learn how to report issues via the app. Mon, 10.30-11.30am, The Gale

Inspire Futures Grop In
Advice on ESOL and citizenship. Thurs, 2-4pm, Green St

Community Links Drop In
Debt, housing and benefit advice. Call 020 8548 9825 to make an appointment. Thurs, 19 Mar, 3.30-5.30pm, Katherine Rd C C, Call 020 8548 9845, Mon, 16 Mar, 12noon-2pm, Green St, Call 020 3373 0857

ESOL
Improve your English language. Mon and Weds, 12.30pm, Call 020 8522 5772 to enrol. Katherine Rd C C, Tues, 8.30am-12noon, Fri, 9.30am-12.30pm, Jack Cornwell C C, Tues and Fri, 1-3pm, Plaistow, ESOL, citizenship and Life in the UK preparation class

ICT Drop-In Session
Set up a My Newham profile and create an email account. Fri, 10am-12noon, The Gale, Fri, 10am-12noon, Green St

Rings Night (16+yrs)
Thurs, 5-7pm, Green St

Aerobic Exercise
Workout and body stretching. Tues, 9.30-10.30am, Jack Cornwell C C, £1.50

East Ham Youth Zone
Sony PS4, DJ decks and other activities. Tues, 4-7pm, East Ham

Happy Living Club
Indoor and outdoor activities for over 60s. Tues and Weds, 1.30-5.30pm, Joyce C C

SNT Grop-in
Fri, 12noon-1pm, Stratford Thurs, 26 Mar, 10-11.30am, Canning Town, Thurs, 24 Mar, 11am-12.30pm, Custom House, Wed, 25 Mar, 3-6pm, Green St

New Deaf Club
Opportunity to learn new and exciting things for members. Mon, 6-8pm, Stratford. Costs up to £2

Silver Surfers IT Course
Fri, 2-3.30pm, Beckton

Support in Action
Thurs, 12noon-6pm, Joyce C C

Adult Games Club
Mon, 10.30am-12.30pm, Green St

Martial Arts
Tues, 5-6pm, Jack Cornwell C C

Community Networking Mornings
Wed, 25 Mar, 10am-12noon, The Gale

Sexual Health Advice
Mon, 23 Mar, 11am-2pm, The Gale

CYANA
Cancer You Are Not Alone Thurs, 26 Mar, 3-5pm, The Gale

Gamers & Board Game Group
Thurs, 26 Mar, 1-3pm, Plaistow

Get on Target Business Advice Surgery
Tues, 12noon-2pm, North Woolwich, Call 01931 575 483 to book

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Bumps and Babies (up to 1yr)

A free home based meet up every Wed, 1-3pm for expectant parents and those with babies. Email newhammct@hotmail.com

Meet and Greet

Mums, Bumps and Babies
Fit in various cafes around Newham. Visit www.mumsandbabies.com or email josephew@bt.com

Royal Docks Learning

& Activity Centre

Mon, Needlecraft,
10am-12noon £2

Tues, Parent and Toddler Group
10am-12noon, £1

Bingo 10am-12noon £1
Wed, Keep Fit, 10-11am, £2

Employment 1-2-1 support, by
appointment. Croche available

Thurs, Tai Chi, £2. First session
free. 10.30am-12noon

Line Dancing, £1, first session
free, 7-9pm

Men-Fri, After School Club for
Boys (Barnes Village St Joachim's and Drew primary

schools)

Men-Fri, Open Access After
School Club, 4-6pm, £3 per day

Royal Docks Learning &
Activity Centre, Albert Rd, E16

Call 020 7478 1656. Visit
www.rdc.org.uk

Search rdcommunity on
Facebook

Junior Volunteer Police

Cadets (10-12 yrs, term time)
Wed 3.30-5pm. Little Bford

School, Browning Rd, E12, £1
Thurs 4.15-4.45pm. Upton

C C Claude Rd, E13, £1. Call
07500 881 378

Senior Volunteer Police

Cadets (13-17 yrs)
Wed, 6.30-8pm, Little Bford

School, Browning Rd, E12
£2.50. Thurs, 6.30-8pm, Easles

Community School, Ewing Rd,
E16, £2.50. Call 07500 881 378

Boxing and

SELF DEFENCE

Boxing (Newham College)
Mon 5-6pm. East Ham

College, High St South, E5
Fight For Peace Boxing

Mon to Fri, 4-5pm 10-14yrs
Mon to Fri 5-6pm, 14yrs

Woodman St, North Woolch, E12
Call 020 7474 0054

Punch Darts (16+yrs)
Fri 4-5pm, Katherine Rd C C

254 Katherine Rd, E7
Intense Fitness (14+yrs)

Workouts: boxing and wrestling

Fri 8.30-10pm. E5. The Herley
Centre, E6. Call 07579 253 842

Newham Shaolin Kung Fu
Wed (term time), 4.30-5.30pm,

Fri 6-7pm and 7-8.30pm. Sun
10-11am. Under 15yrs £4

15yrs £5, cones £5
Newham Leisure Centre, E13

Call 07528 070 628

Docklands Shaolin Kung Fu
Mon and Wed, Juniors and

beginners 7-9pm, all other grades
8-9pm. First session free, under-

15yrs £4, 15+ £5. cones £5. UEL
Sports Dock, Call 07766 685 889

Stratford Judo
Competition training, Juniors

(8-14yrs). Tues and Thurs 6.30-
8pm, seniors (15+yrs), Tues and

Thurs 8-9.30pm
Beginners, juniors (8-14yrs)

Wed 6.30-7.45pm, seniors
(15+yrs), Wed, 7.45-9.15pm

From £2. £5 per class
Carpenters and Dockland Centre,

95 Cable Rd, E15
Call 07585 601 200

www.stratfordjudo.com

West Ham Boys ABC
Mon, Wed, Fri, meets (8-14yrs),

5-6pm. Sat, boys (8-14yrs),
10-11am, girls (7-14yrs), 11am

12noon, £2. London Rd, E13.
Call 020 8472 3814

HEALTH AND

FITNESS

Athlete
All ages and levels. Mon

7-11am 12noon (women only),
Wed, 11am-12noon (mixed)

Jack Cornwell C C

Boxing and Circuits with AI
Mon, 6.30-7.30pm. Chancery

East Community Hub, E15. £4
Call 07558 944 252

Jenise's Fitness
Mon, 7.15-7.45pm, Better abs,

£3. The Herley Centre, E5
Call 07818 000 643

Twisted Pink Street Dance
7+yrs, Thurs 6-7pm. St

Lukes Church, Telling Rd, E7
12+yrs, Fri 6-7pm, Maryland

Studio, 84 Leytonstone Rd,
E15. £3. Call 07081 544 017,

visit www.beeledpark.org.uk

Zumba Fitness
Mon and Weds, 7-8pm, £5 and

£4 for 2nd class. Vantage Lane
Community Centre, Gower Ct,

E15. Call 07500 898 855

Zumba with Jessica
Mon 6.30pm £2.50.

Asia Community Hub, 14c
Carnel Rd, E15. Sat 9-10am,

circuits £4. Community Resource
Centre, 200 Chargeable Ln, E13

Call 07584 951 484

Zumba
All ages. Registration essential.

Bring water and a towel.
Wed, 7-8pm. £3, Beakton C C

Mon 9-10.30am, £3, Jack
Cornwell C C, Fri, 8.30-10.30am,

Jack Cornwell C C, Free

Let's Yoga
Thurs 6.30-7.30am

Greenrocks, E5. Sat, 10am
12noon, Jayes C C, E1. Wed,

7-8pm, Redrow C C

Lee Valley Cycling
Wed, 4.30-6pm. Lee Valley

VeloPark, E5. Email
Paul Farthing@

active@newham.org.uk

Indoor Tennis
Mon, 6-8pm, Lee Valley

Hockey & Tennis Centre
£3. Email Paul Farthing@

active@newham.org.uk

Mini Tennis
Tues, 4-5pm and 5-6pm. First

Ham Leisure Centre, 4-8yrs,
Thurs, 4.30-5.30pm and 5.30-

6.30pm, Newham Leisure
Centre, 4-8yrs and 8-15yrs

£50 for 10 sessions.
Email Paul Farthing@

active@newham.org.uk

Outdoor Tennis (14-25yrs)
Fri 5-7pm. Stratford Park,

Email Paul Farthing@
active@newham.org.uk

Age UK East London

Nordic Walks (18+)
Tues, 9.30-10.45am, meet at

Age UK East London Newham
Branch, 655 Barking Rd, E13

Sun, 10-11am, meet at entrance
of the Copper Box, Queen

Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20
For more info call 07680 538 342

Weekend Walks
Mon 3pm. starts by the War

Memorial, Central Park, E5
Call 07518 750 120

Tues, 10am. starts outside Post
a Manager at Stratford Station

Call 0844 414 2728

Tues, 1.30pm. starts at the corner
of Wansford/Pale at the junction

of Capel Rd and Woodford Rd
Call 0844 414 2728

Wed, 10.30am, starts outside
Hawthorn Centre, McGrath Rd,

E15. Call 07570 391 120

Thurs 1.30pm. starts at the corner
of Wansford/Pale at the junction

of Capel Rd and Woodford Rd. Call
07508 744 555

Thurs, 3pm, starts by the War
Memorial, Central Park, E5

Call 07518 750 120

Fri 10.30am, starts outside St
Mark's Community Centre, Tolgate

Rd E6. Call 07508 744 555

Newham Striders
Daily walking group

Call 0844 414 2728

Nordic Walking
Wed, 9.30am. Meet at Lord

Lester Health Centre, E7. Not
suitable for wheelchairs

Call 07750 660 423

Fri 6.30-8pm. Meet at
Newham Leisure Centre, E13

Sun, 10-11.30am. Meet at East
Ham Leisure Centre, E5

Young at Heart
Bingo Club Mon 12noon

4pm. E1. Jayes C C

Bedroom Denoing
Mon 10am-12noon. St Paul's

Church Centre, Burgess Rd, E5
£2.50 per session

Call 07761 209 463

Active Centre Bings (50+yrs)
Thurs, 7.30pm, Jack Cornwell C C

Mon, 12noon-4pm, Jayes C C

Over 50s club
Thurs 10am-12noon, Beakton

Tea Dance

Wed 16 Mar, 7-9pm, St Mark's C of E £1.50

JOGGIN'

Fast paced group with cultural activities. Fri, 12noon-2pm
Joyce C C

GREEN



Green Gym

Wed 10am-12pm, meet at Manor Centre in East Ham Nature Reserve, Norman Rd. E6. Call 07945 593 158

Green Volunteering

Tues and Thurs, 10am-2pm, Silvertown Wy. E16 (app Halibute Rd)

Garden Club

Tues 7-9pm, Thurs, 4-7pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Abbey Gdn, Bakers Row. E15

Gardening Thymes

Gardening Club

Fri 11am-1pm, Bowing Green, Crown Park, High St South. E6

Grow Together Be Together Community Gardening Club

Wed 10am-12pm, Sat 1pm-3pm, Rindlers Past, Melbourne Rd. E15. Call 020 8558 7070

DOORSTEP CLUBS



Call 0844 414 2726 unless otherwise stated

Athletics Club (14yrs+)

A multi-sport session focusing on athletics, football and the gym. Tues 6-7pm, Newham Leisure Centre. E13. Call 07718 364 755

Gym & Basketball (14yrs+)

Tues, 6-10pm, E2, Rokaby School, Barking Rd. E16

Shed & Tumble (14yrs+)

Thurs 7-10pm, C5, Grand Chair & Dance, Golons Reach, Armdale Wy. E6. Call 07886 612 610

FEMALE SPORTS



Basketball Sessions

Tues, 4-6pm, Chobham Academy, 40 Cheering Ln, E20

Dance2Dance (12-16yrs)

Street dance, Fri, 3-5.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre. E13

Female Boxfit (14yrs+)

Mon, 4-15.15pm, Newham Leisure Centre. E13. Call 07950 783 536

Girls Football (11-16yrs)

Tues 4-5.30pm and Thurs 5-6pm, Newham Leisure Centre. Fri 5-7pm, Memorial Park. E15

Girls Group Cycling (11-15 yrs)

Tues and Thurs, 5-5.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre. E13

Just Play (14yrs+)

Wed, 6-9.30pm, multi sports (arm bridge, Cumberland School). E13. Call 0844 414 2726

Abs Blast (11-15yrs)

Thurs, 5.30-6pm, E3 10, Newham Leisure Centre. E13

Athlete (14-18yrs)

Athletic fitness, Wed 5.30-6.30pm, E1, Plandies Community Centre, Nipper Rd. E6. Call 07718 364 755

Female Only Gym Sessions

Mon 3-4pm, 16-25yrs, Men and Wed 7.30-10.30pm, Tues and Thurs, 12noon-1.30pm, Sun 3-5pm, 11-15yrs, E4 65, Newham Leisure Centre. E13

Get Back into Netball

Tues 6-7.30pm, Juniors, 7-10.30pm, seniors, E2, Lister Community School. E13. Call 07717 281 629

Julie's Mums On The Run

Wed, 10-11.30am, E5, or bring a friend and both pay £4 each, Abbey Ln Park. E15. Call 07967 374 772

Keepfit

Wed, 10am, E1, Chendas East Centre. E15. Call 07950 944 035

Keep Fit - Stay Fit

Sat, 10-11am, E3 50, Jack Cornwell C C. E12. Call 07795 064 716

Ladies Only Keep Fit

Wed 10am, E1, Chendas East Centre. Chendas Rd. E15, Thurs 10am, E1 50, Rokaby Centre, Rokaby St. E15

Sheila's Yummy

Mummy Buggy (16yrs+)

Mon, 10-11.30am, E5, Central Park, High St South, E6 (meet outside cafe in the park). Fri 10-11.30am, Plashet Park, Plashet Gty. E6. Call 07968 614 958

Women's Badminton

Fri, 1-2.30pm, East Ham Leisure Centre. E6, E2, equipment provided. Call 07950 152 005

Women United AFC (11yrs+)

Mon (arm day), 6-7.15pm, E1, Kingsford School, E6. Call 07702 932 979

Zumba and Tone

Tues, 1.15-2.15pm, E1, St Bartholomew's Church/Hall, Barking Rd. E6. Call 07944 775 679

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE



Ability Gals (14-25yrs)

Multi sports for disabled young people. Wed 5.30-6.30pm and Fri, 4-4.45pm, Nareite. E13

Athletics (6-16yrs)

Tues 4-15.6.15pm, (Ornston Minor, Roman Rd. E6, Thurs 4.30-5.55pm, St Angela's Ursuline School. E7. Email courses@ruglandathletics.org

Family Swims

Sat, 4.30-5.30pm, Newham Others Swimming Club, Newham Leisure Centre. E13. Call 0300 124 0123

Family Swims

Sun, 12.30-2pm, Family Swims, Bobart Leisure Centre. E5. Call 0300 124 0123

Get Fit for Free

Tues 1.30-3.30pm and Fri 10am-12noon, Free gym use for people with learning disabilities. Newham Leisure Centre. E13. To book an induction call 0300 124 0123

Sensory Play (U5yrs)

Wed (arm day) 1.30pm-3pm, Clever Thomas Children's Centre, Mithras Ave, E6. Email neam@cleverthomasnewham.sch.uk or call 020 8321 0997

Swim for Families

Dealing with Autism

Wed 4.5pm, Bakers Row Leisure Centre. E13. Call 0300 124 0123

Support in Action (16yrs+)

Indoor and outdoor activities advice and support. Thurs 12noon-3pm, Lupton C C

RUNNING



Beckton Park Run

Sat 9am, Beckton Park South, E16. Call 07718 394 755. www.parkrun.org.uk/beckton

East End Road Runners

Tues and Thurs, 7pm, Sun, 8am, Meet on the track. Coached sessions for all abilities. Newham Leisure Centre. E13. Call 07950 261 647

Run England

unless stated.

Sun 10am-12noon, Newham Leisure Centre. E13 (meet on track). Mon, 4.5-5.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre. E13 (meet on track). Mon, 5.45-6.45pm, Newham Dockside, E16 (meet at reception). Wed 12noon-1pm, Newham Dockside, E16 (meet at reception). Thurs 5-15.6.15pm, UEL Docklands Campus, E16 (meet at reception). Sat 10-11.30am, Winstead Fields. E12 (meet at Harrow Rd Changing Pavilion). Sat 10-11.30am, Memorial Park. E15. E4 (meet at car park). Call 07718 364 674

SPORTS



Athletics

Newham and Essex Bangles Athletics Club. Mon and Wed, 6-8pm, Foundation Groups (6-10yrs), Mon 7-8pm and Wed 6-8pm, E5, Terrace, Mithras Stadium, Newham Leisure Centre. E13. Visit www.newhamandessxbangles.co.uk

BMX (6-16yrs)

Sun, 10am-12noon, E3, Gosody Playing Fields, St Albans Ave. E6. Call 07961 333 615

Fencing with

Newham Swords

Tues, 8-9pm, Thurs, 8-9pm
Fri, 7-10pm. Classes for adults (18+), and mini prizes (4-7yrs). UEL SportsDock. Call 07956 631 858

Indoor Cricket (8-16yrs)

Wed 8-9pm. E2, Lister Community School. E13. email paul.farling@blacknewham.org.uk

Black Arrows

Badminton Club

Adults. Fri 7-9pm, Juniors Sat 10am-12noon, E3 7Q, East Ham LC Adults Weds, 7-10pm, UEL SportsDock. Call 07832 037173

Woodside Badminton Club

Fri 7.30-8.30pm intermediates and club standard. £3 wages/£3 unwaged. Sponsors and Docklands Centre 98 Queens Rd. E15. Call 07956 150 240

FOOTBALL



AM Football (18yrs)

Tues 1-3pm Fri 10am-12noon. Memorial Park, Memorial Ave. E15. Fri 3-6pm, Blackbird Powerleague. E5. Visit www.amfootball.co.uk

Football and Athletics

Thurs, 4-5.30pm, Britania Village 85 Evelyn Rd. E16

Football & Multi Sports

Mon 4-5.30pm Newham Leisure Centre, E13. Wed 5-6pm Stratford MUGA, West Ham Ln. E15

Mayor's Football League

U10yrs U12yrs, Mon, 4-5.30pm. U10yrs U18yrs, 6-7pm. Newham Leisure Centre, E13

Premier League (18yrs)

6-6.45 (1.45-1.55) Wed 7-10pm. Newham Leisure Centre. E13

WYU Kicks

Mon, Tues, Fri 4-7pm, WHUGEST, Blackbird 3G, 83A Alabaster Ct, E9. Thurs 6.30-7.30pm Littleford Learning Zone, 1 Redbury Rd. E12. Thurs 6.30-7.30pm, Stratford

Park MUGA, West Ham Ln. E15. Sat 10.30am-12noon, Newham Leisure Centre. E13

Accession Football

Sat 10-11.30am. E13 Reception to 11yrs. King George V Park, King George Ave, E16. Call 07806 584 825

BASKETBALL



Basketball & Multi Sports

Fri, 5-6.30pm, 8-10yrs. Snowhill MUGA, Snowhill Rd. E12

Basketball Sessions

Thurs 5.30-6.30pm Littleford Learning Zone, 1 Redbury Rd. E12

National League

Mon 6-8pm, U13/14yrs, Tues 6-8pm U13/16yrs, Rokeby School, E16. Thurs 4.30-6pm U13/14yrs boys, U14yrs girls, 6-8pm, U18yrs, Newham Leisure Centre, E13, 6-8pm, U18yrs, Cumberland Centre, E13

NCFE Sports - Basketball

Thurs 5-7pm. East Ham Leisure Centre. To register email sports@newham.ac.uk or call 020 8257 4255

Senior Programme

Mon, 7.30-8.30pm, Division 2 women and division 3/4 men. Rokeby School, E16. Call 07847 401 616

Newham All Star Sports Academy (NASSA)

Sessions E11 unless indicated. Juniors Fri 4-6pm Cumberland School, E13. National league U13yrs, U14yrs, U18yrs, Tues, 6-8pm, Rokeby School. E16

National League U13yrs, Tues 6-8pm, Rokeby School. E16

National league U13yrs, Tues 6-8pm, Rokeby School, E16. National league U13yrs, U14yrs, U18yrs, Thurs, 6-8pm, SportsDock. National league U18yrs, Tues 8-10pm, UEL SportsDock. Junior boys and girls, Sat, 10.20am-12.20pm, UEL SportsDock, E2

Call 07703 503 985

www.newssports.org.uk

Youngbloods Basketball

All sessions cost £1. U12yrs, mixed, Sat 1-3pm, East Ham Leisure Centre. E5. U13/14yrs boys, Mon, 6-8pm and Wed, 4-5.30pm, St Angela's School, E7. U13/14yrs girls, Mon 4-5.30pm and Wed 4-5.30pm. St Angela's School. E7. U15/16yrs boys, Tues 6-8pm, St Angela's School, E7. Thurs, 8pm, St Bonaventura's School, E7. U17/18yrs boys, Mon and Wed 8-10pm. St Angela's School. E7. Call 07956 307 857

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings take place at Newham Town Hall, Daring Rd. E5 unless otherwise stated

Mon 16 Mar, 2pm, Newham Partnership - Ending Gangs and Youth Violence. Newham Dockside

Tues 17 Mar, 7pm, Crime and Disorder Strategy Commission

7pm, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission

Wed 18 Mar, 6.30pm, Standards Advisory Committee

Thurs 18 Mar, 6pm, Cabinet 5.05pm, Mayoral Proceedings

Mon 23 Mar, 7pm, Local Development Committee

Tues 24 Mar, 7pm, Strategic Development Committee, Old Town Hall Stratford

7pm, Overview and Scrutiny Committee

CONTACT THE MAYOR

Surgery

Tues 17 Mar, 5pm, Newham Town Hall. E5

Telephone surgery

Wed 25 Mar, Call 020 8430 2000 between 9.30-10.30am and leave your details. The Mayor will call you back at a later time

CONTACT DETAILS

LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOODS

Beckton Globe 1 Kingdome Wy. E9
Canning Town Daring Rd. E16

Custom House

(Prince Regent Ln, E16)

East Ham 388 Daring Rd. E9

Green Street 337-341

Green St. E13

The Gate 6-8 Woodgrange

Rd, E7

Miner Park

885-887 Romford Rd, E12

North Woolwich

5 Pier Parade, E16

Plaistow North St, E13

Stratford 3 The Grove, E15

Archives and Local Studies

Call 020 3373 6881

email archives@blackburne

newham.gov.uk

LEISURE & SPORTS VENUES

Salmon Leisure Centre

14 Bakers St, E13

East Ham Leisure Centre

304 Daring Rd, E9

Newham Leisure Centre

281 Prince Regent Ln, E13

NewVic Prince Regent Ln, E13

UEL SportsDock Docklands

Campus, University Way, E16

COMMUNITY CENTRES (C.C.)

Beckton Community Centre

14 Minors Wy. E9, 020 7517 1214

Field Community Centre

147 Station Rd, E7

020 8536 2000

Grassroots Centre Memorial

Park, Memorial Ave, E15

020 3373 0000

The Hartley Centre

267 Daring Rd, E9

The Hub 123 Star Ln, E16

020 3373 0750

Jack Cornwall Community

Centre, Jack Cornwall St, E12

020 8553 3459

Joyce Community Centre

1 James Ct, E13, 020 8548 9788

Katherine Rd Community

Centre 25d Katharine Rd, E7

020 8548 8025

St Mark's Community Centre

27M Teigale Rd, E9

020 7511 1214

Upson Community Centre

Claude Rd, E13, 020 8471 0040

(currently closed)

Worman Ln Community Centre

Gower Ct, E7B, 020 8519 0235

The Well Community Centre

49 Waverley Lane, E8 020 7588 7070

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